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NEW CASTLE MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL INVOLVING CHILDREN

More local results as part of United States Attorney's Project Safe Childhood initiative

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS – United States Attorney Joseph H. Hogsett announced this morning the indictment of New Castle resident Larry G. Young, age 60, on charges that he produced sexually explicit material involving a six year old child.

"It is unfortunate to make another announcement like this in New Castle, but protecting Hoosier children is a top priority and an obligation that I take very seriously," Hogsett said. "Thanks to the tireless work of our nationally-recognized Project Safe Childhood team, we are more committed than ever to identifying and prosecuting anyone who seeks to exploit and victimize young people."

"Child pornography is the indelible record of a child being sexually exploited," said Gary Hartwig, special agent in charge of HSI Chicago. "These children are endlessly victimized every time those images are transmitted, downloaded, shared or viewed. Predators who think that they can perform such heinous acts and get away with it are sorely mistaken. HSI will continue working with federal, state and local partners to ensure that those who sexually exploit innocent children are brought to justice."

The indictment alleges that on March 4, 2012, Young was found by law enforcement to have coerced a minor child, age six, into participating in sexual explicit activities, which Young then recorded in order to produce materials that could be viewed later. The indictment specifically alleges that Young was recording these acts with his cell phone.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Brant Cook, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Young faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if he is found guilty of

having produced sexually explicit material involving a minor. Grant will be held in federal custody pending trial.

These charges are the result of an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations, the Hamilton County Child Exploitation Task Force along with the Carmel Police Department, as well as the New Castle Police Department. This investigation is part of the U.S. Attorney's ongoing Project Safe Childhood initiative. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood uses federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please see www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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